

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiner Davis for the telephone interviews on May 9 and May 10, 2006. During the interviews, it was suggested that claim 24 be amended to into product-by-process format and to incorporate the subject matter of claim 27. It was indicated that such amendment would place the claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been so amended. Support for these changes can be found in claim 27 and the disclosure at page 5, lines 8-14.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

Claims 24-26 and 28-29 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Since the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that affect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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